

the support of the international community toward a comprehensive and lasting solution to the crisis.

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Honoring California Firefighters and Emergency Workers: Senate agreed to S. Res. 714, honoring the firefighters and emergency workers who courageously fought fires in California in 2008.

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Senate National Security Working Group Authority: Senate agreed to S. Res. 715, extending the authority for the Senate National Security Working Group.

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Measures Considered:

Advancing America's Priorities Act: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 3297, to advance America's priorities.

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Appointments:

United States-China Economic Security Review Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 106–398, as amended by Public Law 108–7, in accordance with the qualifications specified under section 1238(b)(3)(E) of Public Law 106–398, and upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader, in consultation with the chairmen of the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the Senate Committee on Finance, reappointed the following individual to the United States-China Economic Security Review Commission: Peter Videnieks of Virginia, for a term beginning January 1, 2009 and expiring December 31, 2010.

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Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that during the session of the Senate on Thursday, November 20, 2008, the Majority Leader, be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions.

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Tributes to Retiring Senators—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the order from September 27, 2008 regarding tributes to retiring Senators be modified so that Senators be permitted to submit such tributes for inclusion in a Senate document until Friday, December 12, 2008.

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Authorizing Leadership to Make Appointments—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the upcoming recess or adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President pro tempore, and the Majority and Minority Leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamen-

tary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

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Pro Forma Sessions—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate meet the following days and times for pro forma sessions only with no business conducted: Monday, November 24 at 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday, November 26 at 10 a.m.; Saturday, November 29 at 2 p.m.; Tuesday, December 2 at 10:30 a.m.; and Friday, December 5 at 11 a.m.; that when Senate recesses on Friday, December 5, 2008, it stand in recess until 3 p.m. on Monday, December 8, 2008; that following the prayer and pledge, the journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and Senate be in a period of morning business for up to one hour with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

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Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

Investment Treaty with Rwanda (Treaty Doc. No. 110–23).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Gene Allan Cretz, of New York, to be Ambassador to Libya.

(Prior to this action, Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.)

Ricardo H. Hinojosa, of Texas, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for a term expiring October 31, 2013.

(Prior to this action, Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration.)

William B. Carr, Jr., of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for a term expiring October 31, 2011.

Douglas D. Randall, of Missouri, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2014.

(Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.)

Ray M. Bowen, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2014.

(Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.)